october

Judge Federico Moreno (Judge Hoeveler's replacement) appoints a Special Master, John Barkett, to help him oversee the settlement of the 1988 Everglades water quality lawsuit.

Canon U.S.A., Inc., announces selection of its 2003 National Parks Science Scholars: eight Ph.D. students studying in the United States, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, and Peru.

The U.S. Animal Health Association approves the National Park Service as an official member, which is of particular importance because of the continued expansion of the park wildlife-livestock interface and potential for disease transmission.

november

The first wild-born California condor since 1984 fledges from its cliff nest at Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona (see page 83).

Staffs in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Ohio), Catoctin Mountain Park (Maryland), and the Environmental Quality Division begin drafting an environmental impact statement for deer management that will serve as a template for other parks.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers fills a breach in the barrier island at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, North Carolina, caused by Hurricane Isabel, and transportation to Hatteras Village is restored (see page 78).

Managers of the Longview Power Plant, in West Virginia, agree to obtain additional emission allowances under the Acid Rain Program to offset its increase in actual emissions that would affect Shenandoah National Park, Virginia.

Associate Director Soukup issues final guidance to parks on implementing the directional drilling provision of the NPS nonfederal oil and gas regulations at 36 CFR 9B.

december

The State of Colorado files for in-stream flow protection of a reach of the Gunnison River that flows through Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, which will complete an obligation made by the Colorado Water Conservation Board in April.

Biologists release two captive-bred California condors from an acclimatization pen at Pinnacles National Monument, California (see page 84).

Cascade Dam, an obsolete hydroelectric power facility on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley, is demolished and removed from Yosemite National Park, California.